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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about March 13, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(A marked-up version of the amended paragraphs is attached to this Amendment.)

Page 2, line 17 to Page 3, line 12, substitute the following paragraph:

21  
The RPV dealt by the above conventional art is a large scale structural body having height of about 25m, diameter of about 6m and weight reaching up to about 1000 tons. When performing carrying out / carrying in work at the time of exchanging work of the RPV, it is required to keep a high standard of safety. For example, even when presuming a possible dropping of the RPV due to damage of such as a crane and hanging jig, it is required to take a measure to